New concession rules for senior citizens

1649. SHRI N.R. DASARI:
SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new rules have been introduced *w.e.f.* 7th July, 2003 for concession to Senior Citizens in Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this rule will restrict the air travels by the Senior Citizens for some pre-arranged tourist purposes only and not for any emergencies; and

(d) if so, whether Government will consider withdrawal for the new rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The rules pertaining to Senior Citizens Concession were modified with effect from 7th July, 2003 as under:

Conditions after modifications

(i) Concession for Indian national residing in India.

(ii) For Round trip and circle trip travel only.

(iii) Minimum stay for seven days at destination.

(iv) Rerouting not to be permitted.

(v) Confirmed ticket to be purchased at least seven days prior to departure.

(c) The rule have been modified to ensure that there is no dilution of revenue due to misuse of this concession for business travel.

(d) No proposal to withdraw the revised rules is under consideration.

Restoration of air links with Pakistan

1650. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: